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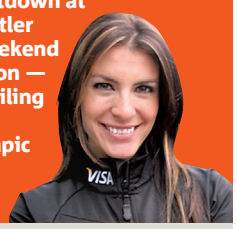

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Genies **Ottawa-bound**

TRACEY TONG/METRO OTTAWA

Canadian actors Gordon Pinsent and Caroline Neron pose for the media yesterday after announcing the nominees for the 29th annual Genie Awards at the Canada Aviation Museum. The awards ceremony is held in Ottawa for the first time on April 4. **Story, pg 2.**

Yes, in your backyard, says McGuinty

ENERGY Taking a swipe at those who oppose wind turbines off the Scarborough Bluffs near Toronto, Premier Dalton McGuinty is signalling he won't hesitate to foist "green" energy projects on Ontario communities.

Only safety and environmental concerns will be legitimate objections to biofuel plants, solar panel fields and wind turbines under a new green energy act to be proposed later this month, the premier said yesterday.

"But don't say, 'I don't want it around here … NIMBYism will no longer prevail," he added, using the acronym for "not in my backyard."

He's counting on the act, of which few details have been released, to help create 50,000 jobs over the next three years and boost the amount of renewable energy feeding into the electricity grid to fight climate change. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

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Immigration target may drop

Economy forcing watchful eye, though new residents 'fuel' country: Minister

Rising unemployment could force the federal government to nudge shut the door on thousands of foreigners looking to make Canada their new home, Immigration Minister Jason Kenney says.

While Ottawa is sticking by its pledge to accept 240,000 to 265,000 permanent residents this year, the worsening economic outlook may prompt the government to rethink that target in the coming months, Kenney said yesterday.

"We don't want people coming to Canada and facing unemployment. We need to be sensitive to the changing labour market, and if we need to make modifications, we will," he said.

Kenney said Canada, which accepted 247,000 permanent residents last year, so far "stands alone" among other nations by maintaining its levels for permanent residents. However, he conceded that may change, given economic conditions.

Federal and provincial immigration officials plan to meet next month and decide whether to tinker with the target.

But Kenney made clear his preference is to stick with the current target, calling new immigrants the "fuel" of the economy, once it turns around.

"We're going to need immigration as a source of economic growth. In the next decade, 100 per cent of our net labour market growth will be as a result of immigration," he said. "We don't want to turn off the tap of the future growth that is represented by immigration." **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Present pledge

- The current targets are 265,000 permanent residents, which includes up to 156,600 immigrants in the economic category, 71,000 in the family category and 37,400 in the humanitarian category.

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Carleton students finish first in competition
Carleton electronics PhD students Muhammad Arsalan and Atif Shamim took first prize in the Enterprize Canada Entrepreneurial Championship held last weekend in Vancouver. METRO OTTAWA

Local

Free breakfast program today

Pick up a free breakfast bag between 6 and 9 a.m. today at Bank and Sparks streets. The Breakfast Clubs of Canada's "Taste for Learning" tour makes its stop in Ottawa this morning. The tour is also making stops in Montreal, Toronto, Regina, Calgary and Vancouver to distribute breakfast bags and program information to the public.

METRO OTTAWA

Genie noms announced

Award show could boost film industry in nation's capital

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When Away from Her star Gordon Pinsent saw the Canada Aviation Museum yesterday, he immediately loved it.

"When I was a kid in Gander, Newfoundland, I saw all these planes coming in," the veteran actor, playwright, author and director said. "When I came here this morning, I knew all these planes."

Along with Quebec actor Caroline Neron, Pinsent announced the nominees for the 29th annual Genie Awards, to be held at the museum on April 4.

Having the Genie Awards here in Ottawa will show off the nation's capital to all Canadians, Pinsent said.

A three-time Genie Award winner, Pinsent has "spent quite a bit of time in Ottawa."

He added that he would love to shoot a film here.

"This is a big day in the history of the Canadian capital," National Capital Commission CEO Marie Lemay said.

The NCC is now working on Genie Week — a series of events to share the buzz with all residents, she said.

To be held from March 28 to April 4, Genie Week includes free public screenings of nominated films at venues across the region, as well as workshops and educational activities.

The Canada Aviation Museum is an ideal place for the awards ceremony, which, this year, has the theme Canadian Film Takes Flight, said Sara Morton, CEO of Academy of Canadian Cinema and Television.

The NCC has worked for the last five years to get the Genie Awards to Ottawa, NCC vice-president of national programming Guy Laflamme said.

The awards are an amazing opportunity for Ottawa, and could help accelerate the growth of the film industry in the capital, he said.

"It will get people to understand that the capital is a place to celebrate Canadian culture and excellence."

Neron said she was impressed with the number of films representing Anglophone-Francophone collaborations on the nominee list.

The Necessities of Life leads the way

- Leading the 2009 Genie Award nominations are The Necessities of Life with eight nominations and Everything is Fine with seven nominations. Other nominees include Passchendaele, Fugitive Pieces, Amal and Mommy is at the Hairdresser's, which have six nominations each.

No more free rides if taxes up: O'Brien

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TRANSIT Mayor Larry O'Brien won't be supporting any motions to extend free transit service for riders, if it means property taxpayers will end up paying for it in the long run.

On Monday, city staff predicted OC Transpo would have a $13.4-million deficit in order to offer free service to all passengers until the end of February, make December passes valid for March and suspend EcoPass deductions until the end of April.

But extending free transit service would substantially increase a burden that could end up being passed on to taxpayers, O'Brien said yesterday.

"We really have to be careful about this, because we really will not see what that number truly is..."
Mayor Larry O'Brien

"We really have to be careful about this, because we really will not see what that number truly is, until the end of the fiscal year," he said.

O'Brien said it was possible that the strike could result in a one-time tax increase of 1.3 per cent for 2010, but it was too early to accurately determine how that will affect the end of year budget.

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Anti-drug programs get $1 million from feds

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TRANSIT Drug prevention and education programs in Ottawa will be getting a $1 million boost from the federal government.

Nepean-Carleton MP Pierre Poilievre announced yesterday that the federal government is providing up to $1 million to the United Way-run fundraising campaign for Ottawa's residential youth treatment centres and prevention programs, dubbed Project STEP (support, treatment, education and prevention).

Poilievre said the funds are intended to provide educational materials for schools, teachers, parents and students that warn people of the risks, prepare them for the temptation and provide strategies for avoiding a lifestyle that leads to drug addiction.

TIM WIECLAWSKI/METRO OTTAWA

Ottawa police Chief Vern White, left, Nepean Carleton MP Pierre Poilievre, Mayor Larry O'Brien and United Way Ottawa president and CEO Michael Allen announce yesterday the city is getting $1 million for drug abuse prevention programming.

"As someone who's had friends and people close to me who've suffered from drug addiction, it's very important to me that lives are spared from this terrible destructive path," Poilievre said.

Ottawa police Chief Vern White said this funding would greatly increase the capacity at a number of schools across the city to reach up to 10,000 young people in need of help and intervention.

"Hopefully we won't need as many treatment beds in future if we are successful in the beginning turning the tap off to drug use," he said.

Snowflake Kingdom closed

Ottawa Winterlude '09

WEATHER First, it was the Rideau Canal Skateway. Now, Mother Nature is playing havoc with the Snowflake Kingdom.

Due to unseasonably warm temperatures, the National Capital Commission has closed the Winterlude site at Jacques-Cartier Park until noon on Friday.

This closure is to ensure the safety of the visitors as well as to help minimize damage to the installations on the site, the NCC said yesterday.

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The Saudi supreme court has rejected the death sentence of Mohamed Kohail of Montreal and has asked the lower court to revise its ruling. Kohail was convicted of murder and sentenced to a public beheading after a schoolyard brawl in 2007. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

Canada

Corruption case costly

Taxpayers didn't get a good deal when the Ontario government spent $23.4 million on outside lawyers and consultants to fight a corruption case at its real estate arm, attorney general Chris Bentley acknowledges.

In the end, the case that began in 2000 ended eight years later with the province recovering $3.5 million plus interest — a fraction of the $23.4 million spent on litigation involving the Ontario Realty Corp.

"That's a lot of money. I think we can do better and we are doing better," Bentley said yesterday, standing beside Premier Dalton McGuinty, who was in London to make a luncheon speech to a business group on the sagging economy.

As pressure from critics builds over the spending, Bentley's comments mark a change in tune for the government, which previously has defended without reservation the spending begun under the previous Progressive Conservative regime to pursue alleged fraud, bid rigging, kickbacks and breach of trust at ORC.

NDP Leader Howard Hampton, himself a former attorney general in the early 1990s, branded the spending a waste, saying it was "simply money blown out the door" and looks bad at a time when many are struggling to pay their bills.

McGuinty declined to comment on the case, deferring questions to Bentley, who represents the riding of London West.

Bentley said civil justice reforms to speed up trials, which will take effect next year, along with new policies restricting government use of outside lawyers to times where "special expertise" is needed, will help keep future legal costs in check. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

$12M to one law firm

• Torstar News Service reported the costs of the case earlier this week after winning a request under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. One prominent Bay Street law firm, WeirFoulds, billed the government for more than $12 million on the case though the firm did not take it to trial. WeirFoulds has declined to comment on the billings, which account for almost half of the government's total.

CHRIS WATTIE/REUTERS

Chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff, Admiral Michael Mullen, left, and Canada's chief of the defence staff, Gen. Walt Natynczyk, speak to reporters at National Defence headquarters yesterday.

U.S. dances around Canada's Afghan withdrawal

MILITARY Admiral Michael Mullen commands the world's most dominant military force, but there is clearly still some terrain upon which he is loath to tread.

The chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff and his top commanders are travelling around the world trying to persuade governments to commit more forces to Afghanistan, and for longer periods of time.

But in a brief stop in Ottawa yesterday to meet Prime Minister Stephen Harper and his Canadian counterpart, Gen. Walt Natynczyk, chief of defence staff, Mullen dared not address the new elephant in halls of NATO's Brussels headquarters — Canada's decision to quit the mission in 2011.

"Clearly combat forces who are there that make a difference are absolutely critical," he said when asked specifically about the Canadian withdrawal mandated by Parliament last year.

"I'm aware that 2011 is out there, but I have literally not discussed that policy or the impacts of it."

Mullen's tap dance around the sensitive issue is in keeping with the new U.S. administration's effort to use diplomacy to improve the view of America internationally.

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News in brief

WORK PERMIT China expressed unhappiness yesterday at Canada's granting of a work permit to a Chinese man accused by Beijing of being a smuggling kingpin. Lai Changxing's permit is another twist in a case that is a thorn in relations between China and Canada. Ottawa denied Lai asylum, but has been blocked by the courts from sending him home.

ENVIRONMENT A coalition of Canadian and U.S. environmental groups has launched a cross-border campaign ahead of Barack Obama's visit to Canada, urging the U.S. president to stick to his new energy plan amid possible pleas for him to support oil production from the Alberta oilsands.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Bus driver claims he was fired for chronicling job

DEREK MOSCATO
for Metro Canada

B.C. A Vancouver bus driver says he has been fired for publishing a blog that describes his day-to-day experiences on the job.

Michael Cox, who completed his training with Coast Mountain Bus Company in December, started a blog called Short Turns to share with the public what he was learning about operating a bus.

"The initial impetus for the blog was for friends and family — curious about my training — but soon I got more interested in blogging about transit in general, including other cities, and was writing entries each night after my shift," Cox told Metro in an exclusive interview.

Derek Zabel, media relations manager for Coast Mountain, said yesterday the company does not comment on past employees for privacy reasons.

Jim Houlahan, vice-president of CAW 111, the union representing bus drivers, confirmed it was the blog that triggered the dismissal.

Houlahan added that the union looked into the facts and decided Cox was not discriminated against.

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Return of Big Bang machine restart delayed
The giant particle collider built to reproduce Big Bang conditions will be restarted in September, not the summer as planned, the European Organisation for Nuclear Research said. REUTERS

World

Vote too close to call

Israel faces today what could be weeks of political uncertainty after an election that ended with clashing claims of victory by centrist Foreign Minister Tzipi Livni and hawkish rival Benjamin Netanyahu.

With nearly complete final results giving Livni's Kadima party a slim edge of one or two seats over Netanyahu's right-wing Likud in the 120-member parliament, she pledged to lead a new government and invited him to join.

Netanyahu, pointing to what he called a large "nationalist camp" in parliament, said he would become prime minister and establish a governing coalition with rightist parties.

"With God's help I will lead the next government," Netanyahu, 59, told Likud supporters after exit polls yesterday gave Kadima a slim lead and right-wing parties some 64 parliamentary seats.

Addressing cheering Kadima activists, Livni, 50, said: "The Israeli public can smile again when we form the government." She would become Israel's first woman prime minister since Golda Meir governed in the 1970s.

The overall rightward shift in the Knesset will, in any case, dent hopes in U.S. President Barack Obama's administration for an Israeli coalition that push for peace with the Palestinians and other Arab neighbours after last month's war in the Gaza Strip. REUTERS

What next?

- President Shimon Peres in theory can nominate any legislator to try to form a government within 42 days, but he is not legally bound to do so.
- In practice, the leader of the biggest party is nominated after an election.
- Peres' discussions with Knesset factions could take a week, and coalition negotiations could take a month.

Philippines **Dolphin rescue**

ROMEO RANOCO/REUTERS

Residents and fishermen watch hundreds of dolphins swim away from the shoreline in Orion, north of Manila, yesterday. Dozens of fishing boats tried to stop the disoriented dolphins from beaching themselves near Manila Bay, officials said.

Haggling begins over U.S. stimulus

ECONOMY U.S. lawmakers began haggling in earnest over a final package of tax cuts and spending yesterday after the Senate passed its $838-billion US version of a rescue plan to fight the deep recession.

U.S. President Barack Obama wants the Democrat-controlled Congress to deliver a package by this weekend so he can sign it into law but must keep together a narrow coalition that wants the price tag lower — at about $800 billion.

The Senate voted 61-37 yesterday to approve its version, with support from just three Republicans. The House had earlier passed its $819 billion package with no Republican support. REUTERS

High winds batter northern France

FRANCE A storm swept across northern France yesterday, cutting off a total of 608,000 homes from the power grid.

Winds of up to 140 km/h buffeted the coast, while inland gusts of 120 km/h had been recorded.

It was the second major storm to hit France in less than three weeks after gale force winds killed four people and left close to two million homes without power on Jan. 24 in the southwest. REUTERS

Campus clashes in Bangladesh

BANGLADESH More than 200 people including several policemen were injured and at least 20 students were arrested in clashes with students of technical colleges across Bangladesh.

Violence erupted after police acted upon students vandalizing vehicles in protest of the new policy. Under it, students would be expelled if they failed any subject, and only be able to resume studies the following year. REUTERS

News in brief

FRANCE Amer Mushtaq Butt, a Pakistani man, went on trial in France yesterday for setting his ex-girlfriend Chahrazade Belayni on fire in the underprivileged neighbourhood of Neuilly-sur-Marne after she refused to marry him. She suffered third-degree burns in a case rights groups are using as a symbol of violence against women in poor areas. REUTERS

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Give gifts some thought

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What is it with men and gifts? How can a man who has written poetry for his lover, feted her with engraved trinkets suddenly show up with kitchen gadgets?

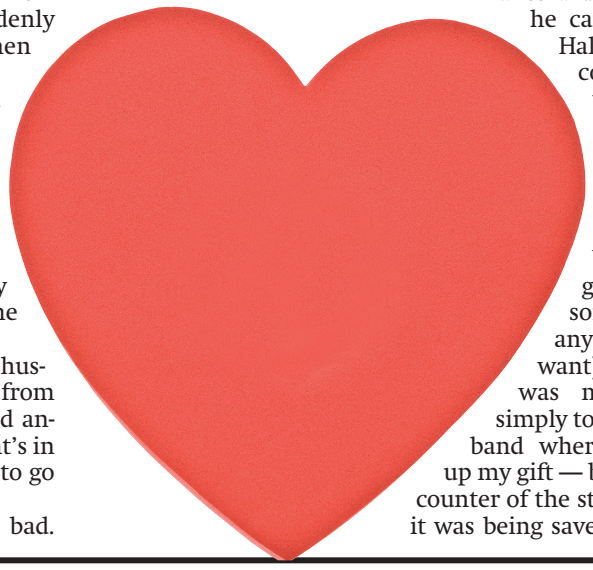
A blip on the radar, but mention this to other women and immediately the taps start flowing.

"At least you got something," moans one. "My last birthday my husband gave me nothing. Nothing."

Another woman's husband arrived home from work one birthday and announced, "Your present's in the trunk if you want to go out and get it."

Not all stories are bad. One friend's husband gave her a lamp crafted from a piece of driftwood he had found on a beach they had visited. A little weird, but thoughtful.

Another male friend tells me his wife wanted to learn to play the saxophone, so he bought her one. The next year she received sheet music to go with it. "The key," he says, "is listening. Sometimes I store it in my memory, other times my BlackBerry."



Valentine's**Day**

Ah yes — listening — an excellent way to figure out your gal. Alana Gun, who runs a gift basket franchise in Winnipeg, says, "Men have no ideas. If they do, it's to put flowers in a gift basket. You cannot cover flowers in cello wrap." (Speaking of flowers, what is it with men and carnations?)

What also is it that makes a dude think he can use the Hallmark conspiracy theory to calm a disappointed woman. (I should be able to give you something any day I want). When I was married, I simply told my husband where to pick up my gift — behind the counter of the store where it was being saved. Kind of took the surprise out of it, but that wasn't a bad thing.

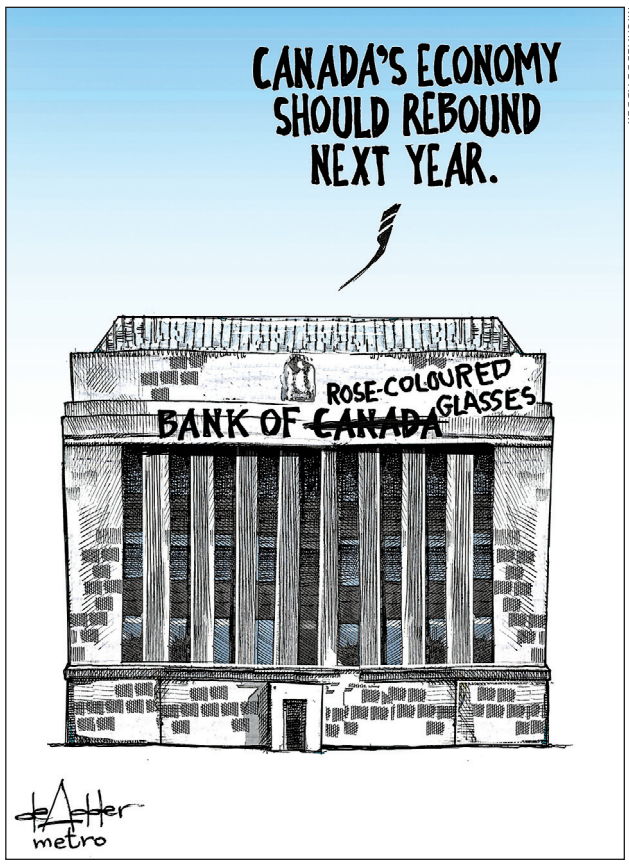
Good gifts may not necessarily mean a great guy, but bad or no gifts start to grate on a woman. It signifies he doesn't care enough to listen.

Some guys just have it. When my son was six, he took my pink Post-it notes, drew an arrow on each one, placing them all the way up the stairs and into my room. On my pillow was a note reading, "I love you."

Guys, I can't tell you what to give because every woman is different. Try to remember past conversations for clues, even a word. Stressed = spa; sexy = lingerie; very stressed out = trip. (By the way, sex is not a present for women, only for men.)

For most women, it's not the thought that counts, but that there's been any thought at all that really matters.

Georgie Binks is a Toronto freelance writer who has written about gender and relationships for CBC.ca, Elle, Chatelaine and Homemakers.



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Word on the street: Should Vancouver scale down its Winter Olympics plans for 2010 in light of the current economic conditions?

Karine Houde
age 20, Ottawa

A: Probably yes, but it depends on the extent because it is something that can bring a lot of money into Canada for the tourism industry.

Mark Weir
age 28, Ottawa

A: I think it should be somewhat scaled down ... If everyone has to cut back, I think the Olympics can maybe do without so many fireworks and things like that.

Nichole Martel
age 54, Ottawa

A: It's too late. It's a done deal. They've committed all this money to building things and they can't just uncommit.

Yusuf Gad
age 32, Toronto

A: Yes. ... The people of Vancouver shouldn't get stuck with the bill knowing full well that the corporations are going to make money on it.

Amanda Young
age 23, Calgary

A: What I learned (at university) is tourism actually brings a lot of revenue to the city. As long as they can use the facilities afterwards, I think they should (still spend the money).

Laura Steffen
age 26, Vancouver

A: Yes, because I believe that Vancouver is going to end up as broke as other cities have when they've had the Olympics.

Letters

Various religious groups have used advertising campaigns

Re: Atheist ads promote debate, understanding (Feb. 5)

I am not atheist, but I can't understand why people are so offended.

Various religious groups have used advertising and it has never been viewed as offensive. If we find this minuscule form of free speech offensive, should we not be offended if someone starts preaching about God on the side of the street and reciting a sermon from the Bible?

Many religions don't need to advertise on buses when they have billboards or television programs and channels devoted to their religions. Should someone that is not of that religion be offended?

After all, they are only voicing their own opinion through an ad on a bus, which is hardly harmful to anyone. Although some make it out to sound like an infectious disease that needs cleansing.

NICHOLAS WITHAM, CALGARY

Give credit to OLG for its charitable contributions

It seems to me that, with this lambasting of the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation going on, people have forgotten the main reason for there even being an OLG.

The OLG has contributed billions of dollars over its 30 years of existence to numerous charities.

No one seems to remember this fact because the media are too busy concentrating on degrading the OLG and, let's face it, public opinion is directly swayed and related to media coverage.

Let's at least give credit where credit is due. There's nothing wrong with, occasionally, printing some good news.

LINDA MCTAGGART, TORONTO

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Business

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Business in brief

MUSIC The world's largest concert promoter, Live Nation Inc., plans to buy Ticketmaster Entertainment Inc. for about $400 million US in stock. But shares of both companies fell yesterday amid concerns the acquisition would be blocked by U.S. antitrust regulators under the Obama administration.

GM General Motors Corp. will slash its global salaried workforce by about 10,000, or 14 per cent, this year and impose pay cuts on most remaining white-collar U.S. workers as it scrambles to reduce costs under a restructuring mandated by its U.S. government bailout. **REUTERS**

An important change in how organ and tissue donation decisions are registered in Ontario.

Have you registered a decision of "No" or "Undecided" regarding organ and tissue donation?

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Ontario

Bank governor still confident

The Bank of Canada has plenty of flexibility to cut rates and expand liquidity operations if needed, but it expects a U.S. bank stabilization plan to mark the gradual return of confidence to the global financial system, governor Mark Carney said yesterday.

Grilled by legislators on a parliamentary finance committee, Carney also defended his highly questioned forecast for Canada's quick recovery from the recession to growth of 3.8 per cent next year.

"We do realism at the Bank of Canada. We don't do spin."
Mark Carney

Carney sought to assure legislators that the central bank has not run out of options to stimulate the economy and that, in comparison to some other countries, its rate cuts have translated into lower mortgages and rates throughout the system.

The bank has cut its benchmark overnight rate by 350 basis points since December 2007 to a 50-year low of one per cent. Its last cut was on Jan. 22 and its next decision is due March 3.

The bank has injected billions into money markets, peaking at $40 billion in December, and Carney said the bank stands ready to expand those operations if conditions warrant such action.

In defending his growth projections, Carney said the bank used 21 different forecasting models but also applied a considerable dose of personal judgment to its outlook, because of the highly uncertain global financial situation.

"We don't do optimism, we don't do pessimism. We do realism at the Bank of Canada. We don't do spin," he said. **REUTERS**

Province tackles credit data abuse

INSURANCE The province has given auto insurers 60 days to eliminate any practices that exclude motorists with poor credit scores or a low income from obtaining the best prices for coverage.

The government took action after receiving complaints and evidence gathered over the past two years by the Insurance Brokers Association of Ontario — and after a report in the Toronto Star detailed allegations of personal credit score abuses. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Auto rescue plans revealed Feb. 20

BAILOUTS Industry Minister Tony Clement says Chrysler and GM will present recovery plans to Ottawa on Feb. 20 that will determine the level of federal-provincial bailout funding, three days after the carmakers make a similar pitch to the U.S. Congress.

Last month, GM declined a $3-billion short-term bailout from the federal and provincial governments, which some saw as a signal the company has no intention of staying in Canada. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

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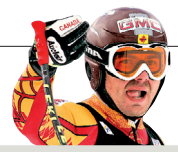
Hudec's Olympic hopes take a hit
Canadian skier Jan Hudec learned yesterday he will need surgery to repair a torn ACL in his left knee. The 27-year-old Calgary resident suffered the injury during a fall Saturday at the world ski championships in France. METRO NEWS SERVICES



Sports

Bosh out of all-star game

Toronto's Chris Bosh will not play in Sunday's NBA all-star game due to a sprained right knee. Bosh missed last night's game at Minnesota, his third straight game on the sidelines. He'll be replaced by guard Mo Williams of the Cavaliers. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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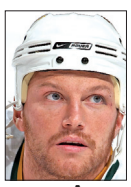
Phelps' bong-gate takes new turn?

NEWS A South Carolina television station reported yesterday that police arrested eight people in connection with the house party in which U.S. swimmer Michael Phelps was photographed smoking what was alleged to be marijuana. According to WIS-TV, police reportedly tracked down the water bong Phelps was photographed using after its owner allegedly tried to sell it on eBay for US$100,000. Police have not confirmed the arrests.

Phelps

Avery assigned to Hartford of AHL

HOCKEY The Dallas Stars have assigned outspoken left wing Sean Avery to Hartford of the American Hockey League. Hartford is the AHL affiliate of the New York Rangers, who have expressed an interest in bringing Avery back to the NHL team for which he spent the past 1½ seasons.


Avery

"I would like to thank Glen Sather and the Rangers organization for giving me the chance to resume my hockey career," Avery said in a statement. Avery was suspended by the NHL for six games without pay following comments he made in Calgary in December regarding his ex-girlfriends dating other hockey players.

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Vancouver at Phoenix
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NBA Raptors get big win

ERIC MILLER/REUTERS

Jermaine O'Neal drives against the Timberwolves' Kevin Love in Minneapolis last night. O'Neal had 22 points and eight rebounds as Toronto overcame a 13-point second-half deficit to win the game 110-102.

Stanley Cup preview?

NHL RESULT

Sharks 5 Bruins 2

Milan Michalek notched the game-winning goal during an early third-period burst, as San Jose upended Boston 5-2 in a battle of the NHL's top teams last night.

Patrick Marleau picked up a goal and two assists for the Sharks, who halted a three-game losing streak and moved within four points of Boston for the most points in the league. Rob Blake, Joe Thornton and Mike Grier also tallied and Evgeni Nabokov stopped 28 shots for the win.

Milan Lucic scored twice for the Bruins, who have dropped their last two after winning four straight, but still lead the NHL with a 39-9-7 record for 85 points.

ADAM HUNGER/REUTERS

Boston's Milan Lucic and the Sharks' Marcel Goc collide.

Tim Thomas allowed four goals on 30 shots, suffering just his sixth regulation loss of the season.

The Sharks broke open the contest with three goals in a six-plus minute span in the final period.

Marleau found a loose puck at the top of the crease and stashed it home 3:32 into the third to tie the game, and Michalek rang a hard shot off the crossbar for the go-ahead tally at 7:28.

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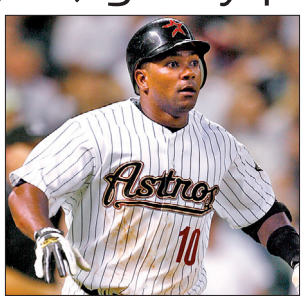
Tejada charged; guilty plea expected

BASEBALL Five-time all-star Miguel Tejada is expected to plead guilty today to lying to U.S. Congress about his knowledge of other baseball players using steroids, a legal source and court documents revealed yesterday.

Tejada, 34, the American League's Most Valuable Player in 2002 while with the Oakland Athletics, was charged yesterday with making the misrepresentations to congressional staff members in 2005 when he said he never knew of any other player using steroids.

Federal prosecutors charged Tejada in a six-page court document known as a "criminal information," which typically is used when a defendant has agreed to plead guilty.


Tejada was AL MVP in 2002 with Oakland.

The case involving Tejada was filed the day after Alex Rodriguez, the New York Yankees star who is the game's highest paid player, admitted using performance-enhancing drugs.

After Sports Illustrated reported on Saturday that he tested positive for testosterone and the anabolic steroid Primobolan in 2003, Rodriguez admitted to ESPN television on Monday that he took a banned substance from 2001 to 2003, saying he felt pressure to perform upon signing a record 10-year, $250-million contract with the Texas Rangers.

According to the court documents, Tejada told staffers from the House of Representatives Committee on Oversight and Government Reform in 2005 that he never used illegal performance-enhancing drugs.

Prosecutors did not accuse Tejada of lying about allegations concerning his own steroids use.

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Vue from a class

Student engineers from three Canadian universities have unveiled their projects in the EcoCAR competition at the Washington Auto Show, Canadian Driver reports. The three-year challenge requires students to fit alternative technologies to Saturn Vue vehicles. The participating universities are: University of Victoria, University of Ontario Institute of Technology and University of Waterloo. CANADIANDRIVER.COM

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The new BMW Z4, left, and the Lincoln MKT, will make their Canadian debuts at the Canadian International Auto Show in Toronto. The event kicks off this Friday.

New age dawns in Canada

The future's on hyperdrive at this year's Toronto auto show

MARK ATKINSON
for Metro Canada

Despite a challenging economy and a reduced market outlook for 2009, the Canadian International Auto Show (CIAS) makes its return to Toronto Friday. And while the weather might be cold and gloomy, the show itself will feature some of the hottest new models and technology influencing the sector today.

The event's theme for 2009 is "The New Era", a way to show the public that offerings are changing rapidly given the economic and environmental challenges facing the auto industry today. David McClean, CIAS director of marketing services, thinks the show is evolving with consumer tastes and demands.

"We used 'The Turning Point' in 2008, and it was clear the industry was evolving in a new direction, but there wasn't much in the way of tangible evidence yet. It was almost too early. This year, 'The New Era' reflects all of these global issues we're facing."

McClean is very enthusiastic about the new technology on display at this year's CIAS, including hybrids, diesels and electrics. "The public will get to see all the alternatives to the gasoline engine. And we have the new 'GTA in Motion — The Future is Electric' showcase, where they can see some first-generation electric vehicles on display."

Also, students from Humber College will participate in the show, and will "create and demonstrate electric mobility solutions that embrace the viability of the all-electric future."

Hybrid, electric and diesel technology has never been hotter, and you can expect the concept vehicles and debuts to reflect that spirit of change. "The New Era" indeed; four of the five concepts to be shown are powered by something other than gasoline.

The question, as McClean puts it, is "whether the manufacturers will be in a position to address these demands and challenges."

Already, some manufacturers, like Ford and General Motors, are calling for governments and the private sector to partner in investing in the infrastructure needed to support hundreds of thousands of plug-in electric or hydrogen fuel-cell vehicles.

Away from the "green" theme, some of the desirable machinery introduced will focus on high-end Canadian debuts, including the new Audi S4 and V10-powered R8, the BMW Z4, Lincoln MKT, Cadillac SRX and Jaguar XFR, while others are aimed at a more entry-level market, like the attractive Kia Forte and Chevrolet Equinox. And while they debuted at the Montreal Auto Show in January, funky vehicles like the Kia Soul, Nissan Cube and Honda's new Insight hybrid will surely attract plenty of crowds.

For coverage of cool concept cars at the Toronto auto show and more, visit metronews.ca

Top debuts in Toronto

- **Nissan NV 2500:** This is a world debut of Nissan's first in a new line of commercial vehicles that's set to challenge the likes of Ford and General Motors.
- **Toyota Prius/Lexus HS250:** Canadian debuts of Toyota's latest pair of hybrid sedans. Prius hasn't altered its look too much from last generation, but power and fuel economy are both improved. Upscale Lexus HS250 will be the first dedicated luxury hybrid model.
- **Volkswagen Golf:** Latest generation of VW's venerable hatchback has been on sale in Europe for a few months, but this will be our first up-close look. More a facelift than a complete redesign, no word yet on what engines will be available for Canada.
- **Ford Taurus:** From staid to stunning, the new Ford Taurus is the result of Ford's promise to improve its car-based offerings. Will offer the company's new EcoBoost engines, and is said to revive the SHO badge of the late '80s.

MARK ATKINSON/FOR METRO CANADA

Baby Mercedes Benz on a budget

BRADLEY HORN
for Metro Canada

Why did Mercedes-Benz choose Moncton as the venue to launch it face-lifted five-door hatch? Because it's the "New B" in New Brunswick! Get it? No? OK, so the Germans are far better at engineering than cracking jokes.

Actually, that Teutonic technical savvy has been a big part of M-B Canada's message in convincing cash-conscious Canadians that its $30,000 B-Class Compact Sports Tourer is worth spending a little extra coin on.

You see, for all the Audi A3s, Volvo V50s and Mini Clubmans the Benz has been shopped against since bowing into Canada in 2005 (but not the U.S.), it's also rolled in with the considerably less expensive Pontiac Vibe, Mazda5 and Kia Rondo crowd too.

So why spend the extra moolah? Well, admittedly that three-pointed star on the hood carries a lot of cache, but Chris Goczan, the B's product manager, says the badge also brings the automaker's reputation for safety, comfort and road manners.

The front-drive Benz shares a platform with its Euro-only cousin, the A-Class, both employing "sandwich" construction. No, not a German panini press, but a clever way of installing the four-cylinder engine almost on its side, so that in a front-end collision it's forced under, and not into, the passenger cabin.

Standard on all '09 Bs are ESP, traction control, ABS with brake assist, front, side and side-curtain airbags, active head restraints and a new feature that automatically activates the interior lights in a collision, making the vehicle easier to work on for emergency services.

2009 Mercedes Benz B-Class

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HP: 134
Torque: 136 lb-ft

Highlights

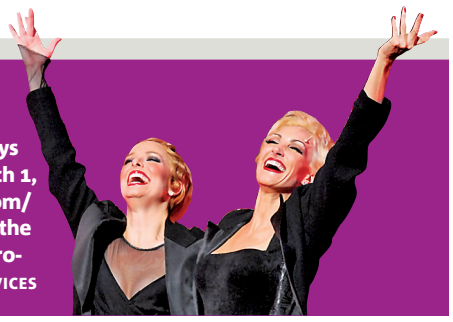
- Mercedes luxury at an affordable price
- Solid feel at the driving wheel

Set your heart racing
If you've already got Olympic fever, here's one way to quell it: Book a run on the Olympia Bob Run in the tony ski resort of St. Moritz, Switzerland. It's the only natural ice bob run in the world, and got its name after hosting the Winter Olympics in 1928 and 1948. See olympia-bobrun.ch. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Travel

NYC theatre deals

New York City tourism officials have trumpeted two new programs in recent days to promote the city's vaunted theatre scene. On the House, from Feb. 15 to March 1, includes two-for-one tickets at more than 30 Off-Broadway shows. Visit nycgo.com/onthehouse for details. Another new microsite, nycgo.com/broadway, provides the latest information about Broadway shows. Close to two dozen new Broadway productions will open in the coming weeks. METRO NEWS SERVICES



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Joining the dive on Apo

MILLE MARIE CHRISTENSEN
Metro World News

We're sitting on two bamboo sticks in the small wooden boat that's taking us to Apo, an island in the southern part of the Philippines that's home to one of the best dive sites in the world — a marine reserve with a protected reef full of colourful clownfish.

Apo is just one of the 7,017 islands in the Filipino archipelago. It has exactly two resorts and a village of 400 inhabitants. As we drag our backpacks from the boat, all we hear are waves lapping at the beach and divers talking about their last trip under the sea.

Liberty's, where we'll be staying, is located in a white-and-green-stone building tucked behind a row of palm trees, and is connected to Paul's Diving, the only diving school on the island. The eccentric Englishman who runs the school knows which diving spots offer the best chance of viewing certain species. Every night, he talks to visitors to find out what they'd like to see on the next day's dive.

Even novice divers armed with just a snorkel and diving mask can get a good look at the colourful and vivacious underwater world. Alternatively, the quiet beaches on Apo Island are ideal for a day of loafing about with a good read. (The Philippines doesn't get as many tourists as its neighbour, Thailand, so it's easier in general to find wide sandy beaches that aren't packed with pasty sun-seekers.)

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If you pay a bit extra to get a room with a balcony, you'll have an prime view of a brilliant yellow, orange and red sunset exploding into the deep blue sea. And because electricity shuts down on Apo Island at 9 p.m., views of the night sky are spectacular. (However, unless you want to set with the sun, we recommend bringing a good flashlight and lots of batteries.)

The widespread use of English makes travelling around the Filipino islands easy. All schedules are in English, which makes the country a great destination for island hopping.

Finally, it's relatively cheap to venture around the Philippines. The cost of our two-week trip for two adults ran to about $1,705 including food, accommodation and diving. We stayed at mid-range hotels in rooms with private bathrooms and took cabs rather than buses.

The only drawback we found is that when island-hopping, hot showers can be few and far between on the islands. Then again, it's on the islands that you really get to interact with the locals, who may even invite you to join in their favourite pastime — "videoke," or karaoke with video subtitles.

Destination: Romance

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Valentine's**Day**

Forget Paris and Venice — with a little imagination, you'll find that Canada boasts plenty of locations to inspire lovers.

Ontario
Many package deals can be found for Valentine's Day visits to Niagara Falls, but if you're looking for something a lot more original, take hold of your lover's hand and climb to the top of Ontario's highest point of land. Temagami, in northeastern Ontario, is home to Caribou Mountain, a large hill with a steep cliff. It may not be the Rockies, but the region is home to a lake and forest, non-commercialized and indisputably private — a 2006 Statistics Canada report put Temagami's population at less than 1,000.

Nova Scotia
Dating one of those people who always thinks they're right? Check out Digby, N.S., with a population of 2,300 and coastal waters as clear as champagne. Its residents consider it to be the most romantic town in Canada — and they have an excellent case, but you'll never know for sure unless you go.

Quebec
The ability to speak French is of course very sexy, but you don't have to be Pepe Le Pew to bring that extra bit of distinction to your Valentine's Day dinner. In Quebec City, you can treat your partner to a horse-drawn carriage ride down cobblestone streets and past 17th century buildings dripping with European flair.

Alberta
Set the sights for your relationship high while gazing at the Rockies; show how deep your love is by diving into one of Banff's many hot springs. Natural phenomena can remind couples how nice it is to have someone with whom to share the wonder of life.

The buzz on a unusual tourism draw

TheTravelJunkie

Some corners of the world entice visitors by establishing self-guided wine-country routes, but Slovenia wants you to take a road trip along a trail of beekeeping sites.

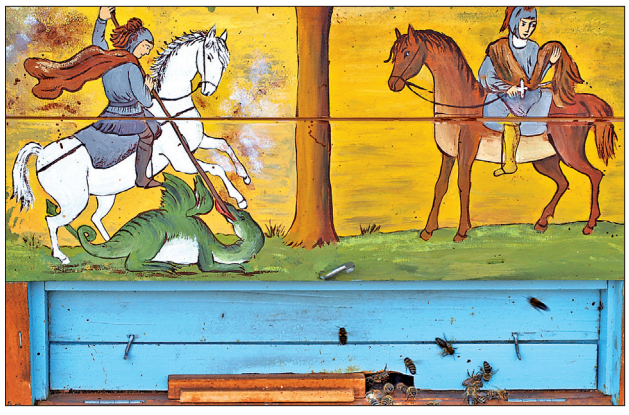
Dubbed beekeeping tourism, this relatively new initiative invites visitors to drive across the Central European countryside, stopping along a trail of specialty farms for a behind-the-scenes look at the honey industry.

In Slovenia, the art of beekeeping is so celebrated that its referred to as "the poetry of agriculture." Its one of the area's oldest rural activities, and with an estimated four beekeepers for every 1,000 Slovenians, it remains an integral part of the nations culture. "To be Slovenian is to be a beekeeper," goes a popular saying.

While there are plenty of agricultural farms and bee-related museums to visit, the best place to start your tour is the 130-year old beekeeping association, just an hour's drive from the capital city. There, I met Janes Gregori, a 66-year-old former biologist and member of the Slovenian Beekeepers Association, who shared a swarm of information about his craft.

In the mid-1700s, he says, beekeepers started painting the front of their hives to help distinguish between colonies. Hive panels have intricately decorated wooden fronts that depict historical events, religious iconography and satirical village life. It's a tradition that continues today.

I learned that Slovenia is home to its own race of bees called the Carniolan. This endemic species (now exported all over the world) is legally protected and is known for its gentle character, and hard-working nature.



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Hive panels depict historical events, religious iconography and satirical village life. Slovenian beekeepers started painting the hives in the mid-1700s to help distinguish between colonies.

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Cruise cup up for auction

Tom Cruise's coffee cup is up for auction. A Brazilian website is selling the container reportedly used by the actor while on holiday in Brazil. So far the empty cup has a sale price of $2,200 US. **FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK**

Entertainment

Beach beauty

Israeli beauty Bar Refaeli — who is dating Leonardo DiCaprio — will appear on the cover of Sports Illustrated's 2009 swimsuit edition.

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Entertainment in brief

MOVIES Moviefone has released its list of the most romantic comedies in time for Valentine's Day. Here are the top 20:

20. Herold and Maude (1971)
19. The 40 Year Old Virgin (2005)
18. Tootsie (1982)
17. Something Wild (1986)
16. Sixteen Candles (1984)
15. Muriel's Wedding (1994)
14. The Shop Around the Corner (1940)
13. The Wedding Singer (1988)
12. Jerry Maguire (1996)
11. His Girl Friday (1940)
10. Bridget Jones's Diary (2001)
9. It Happened One Night (1934)
8. Groundhog Day (1993)
7. Some Like it Hot (1959)
6. Four Weddings and a Funeral (1997)
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Movies are a great conversation builder, but not always the best choice for the first date.

Movie romance

Watching flicks together great for date night

ROBYN YOUNG
for Metro Canada

Ah, the movies. What better way to spend a frigid Friday night in February with your latest crush? Sitting in a dark theatre, close enough for your shoulders and elbows to touch, and maybe reaching for that hot, buttery popcorn or the Junior Mints at the same time.

Going to the movies has always been a good date-night option says Paul Dergarabedian, box office analyst for Hollywood.com.

"There's just something about dinner and a movie that really says romance," he said. "You can bond through the experience of enjoying a movie together and being able to talk about it after."

Movies are a great conversation builder and point of reference for people, he said. "So it instantly allows rapport to develop between you," he added.

But be careful, warns dating expert Kim Hughes, editor-in-chief for online dating site Lavalife, going to the movies is not always the best first date.

"You don't really get a chance to get to know each other," she said. The dating guru says that going to a movie on the first date is also too much of a time commitment.

"As a general rule we say great first dates ... are about an hour," she said. "Because that way, if it's fantastic, you can make a second date and go to a movie or go out for dinner or commit more time.

"If it's not fantastic, then an hour is a manageable amount of time to lose."

And although a romantic comedy might seem like a perfect date-night movie pick, Hughes suggests steering clear of them at the beginning of a relationship.

Valentine's**Day**

"I think that there would be kind of a squirmy factor with that," she said.

For Valentine's Day weekend, Dergarabedian suggests a good date movie — as strange as it may sound — might be the new version of Friday the 13th.

Romantic comedies such as He's Just Not That Into You and Confessions of a Shopaholic are also in theatres in time for Valentine's Day, but Hughes suggests these might be better to go see with friends.

Or, at least until you've gotten past those initial awkward stages of the dating game.

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Sexy serenade
Happy Birthday isn't the only tune Jennifer Aniston will getting for her birthday today. John Mayer has prepared his own serenade to help his girlfriend celebrate the big 4-0, a source tells People magazine. **PEOPLE.COM**

Designer says stay true to yourself

RAFAEL BRUSILOW
for Metro Canada

Vancouver designer Christie Clayton got the boot on last night's episode of Project Runway Canada for creating a dress even she admitted wasn't true to her design vision.

Christie Clayton

Clayton, 30, was emotional and upset during the judging panel of last night's episode as she conceded to the judges that her garment — a dress with a silky top half and high waist shorts in the bottom half — just wasn't her.

She said the worst part was feeling that she hadn't stayed true to her own ideals as a designer.

"When you make something you don't believe in for people who are really important, it's really tough," Clayton told Metro. "I learned to trust my own judgment. The big lesson was to always follow your heart and trust your own instinct."

Now that she's off the show, Clayton is happy to be back at her own clothing line, Carny Love (carnylove.com), getting her new spring and summer collection ready. She admits the whole experience was worth it.

"I learned a lot about myself," Clayton said.

Tuesdays

- The second season of Project Runway Canada airs every Tuesday night on Global.

GlobalStyle

Kenya Hunt
Metro World News fashion correspondent

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	-	360	9	NBC	Wheel-Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Knight Rider (HDTV) (N)		Life "Mirror Ball" (N)		Law & Order (HDTV) (N)		News (N)
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	520	505	42	DIS	Daily Planet (N)		Austin Stevens Adventures (N)		Deadliest Catch		Mayday		Daily Planet
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	269	350	70	APTN	Canadian Geographic		Being Innu		APTN National News: Contact		Miywayawin	Guides	Wings-Canada
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	603	561	95	FN	Chef at Home	Chef at Home	Restaurant Makeover		Iron Chef America		Top Chef		Restaurant

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Lost
We need Dramamine just to keep us from passing out with all these twists. Locke (Terry O'Quinn) takes on the burden of trying to stop the island's increasingly violent shifts through time. Meanwhile, Ben (Michael Emerson) hits a roadblock in his attempt to reunite the Oceanic 6 and bring them back to the island in "This Place Is Death." Naveen Andrews, Matthew Fox, Jorge Garcia and Evangeline Lilly also star. 9 PM on 20 ABC SHRO

Dog the Bounty Hunter
What starts out as a perfect day turns ugly fast when Dog and Beth buy bunnies for their kids. While Dog is enjoying himself helping the kids learn to care for their new pets, duty calls, and coincidentally it turns out to be a tough call to fathom. The charge: animal cruelty. The fugitive: a young man with a bad drug habit. The alleged victim: a kitten. The Dog loves kittens. 'Nuff said. 10 PM on 31 A&E

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Birkhead still struggles with Anna Nicole's death

Larry Birkhead says he still struggles with the death of Anna Nicole Smith, which happened two years ago Sunday. "It's hard to believe that Anna is gone," Birkhead — who fathered two-year-old Dannielynn with the actress — tells Usmagazine.com. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

Rihanna delays her concert in Malaysia

CAREER Usmagazine.com is reporting that Rihanna has postponed a concert in Malaysia this week, an organizer confirmed Tuesday to the website.

Rihanna's Los Angeles-based reps informed Malaysia's Pineapple Concerts that a show slated for Friday would have to be rescheduled to an unspecified date "in light of recent events involving Rihanna," Pineapple Concerts said in a statement to the Associated Press.

Indonesia and Malaysia were the latest stops on the singer's Good Girl Gone Bad tour. The singer intends to travel back to her native Barbados to be with family, usmagazine.com reports.

The website adds that she is also providing "ongoing" cooperation with police during their battery investigation against Brown, a police source tells the Los Angeles Times. Unnamed sources told the Times that Rihanna (real name: Robyn Fenty) told police that Brown had hurt her the night before the Grammys.

Meanwhile, Brown who will be arraigned March 5, boarded a private plane leaving L.A. on Monday, Us magazine reports. The website also says Brown has pulled out of an appearance at the NBA All-Stars, a league spokesperson confirmed.

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Jolie frets over earrings

PEOPLE Angelina Jolie lost a pair of multi-million dollar diamond earrings, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The Changeling star left the Asprey jewellery she wore to the BAFTA Awards on Sunday in her suite at London's Dorchester Hotel when she left to return to the U.S.

The 33-year-old actress realized she had forgotten the earrings as she was preparing to board her flight and called hotel staff, begging them to search her suite.

A source said: "Staff got a frantic call from Angelina at the airport, urging them to take her room apart. Happily, the diamonds were found after a 90-minute search and promptly sent back to Los Angeles."

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Hudson and Owen reunite

RELATIONSHIP Hollywood's on-again, off-again couple — Kate Hudson and Owen Wilson — are on yet again, people.com is reporting.

"They're back together," a source tells People magazine of the pair, who spent all of Sunday together at Wilson's Malibu home. Also there: Hudson's 5-year-old son Ryder.

Hudson, 29, and Wilson, 40, most recently reunited in Feb. 2008, when they appeared cozy at last year's Academy Awards.

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Miley apologizes again for photo

APOLOGY Miley Cyrus has made a second apology over her racially offensive photograph, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The Hannah Montana star — who last week spoke out about the picture of her slanting her eyes, but was later blasted for being disingenuous — has issued a more serious and heartfelt apology.

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Spears to pay Fed $5,000 to see kids

PEOPLE Britney Spears will pay Kevin Federline $5,000 U.S. a week so she can see her sons while on tour, femalefirst.co.uk reports. It has been reported a deal has been signed by the Womanizer singer and her ex-husband, to ensure Spears has access to their two children while she is on the road.

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Bullock doesn't rule out children

FAMILY More than three years into her marriage to Jesse James, Sandra Bullock says she enjoys being a stepmother — though she hasn't ruled out having her own children as well, people.com reports.

"I have family in spades," Bullock, 44, tells InStyle magazine for its March issue. The actress' husband has three children — son Jesse Jr., 11, and daughters Chandler, 14, and Sunny, 5 — from two previous marriages.

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Duff defends remarks

CAREER Hilary Duff says she doesn't regret dissing Faye Dunaway, usmagazine.com reports.

After Dunaway, 68, criticized Duff's acting skills when she learned the singer, 21, was assuming her role in an upcoming remake of 1967's Bonnie and Clyde, Duff sniped, "None of my fans even knew who she is."

On Tuesday's Bonnie Hunt Show, Duff defends her remarks.

"She started acting way later than I did so I think I have time to grow and grow with each project," she says. "I am learning and work hard at my craft."

While Duff admits her remark was mean, she says, "It's not OK for people to take stabs at you and to say mean things for no reason."

Hunt tried to comfort Duff on the episode of her talk show, saying: "I think even Faye went through a time, if you look historically, where some people might have said that about her," Hunt tells the singer.

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Richards' Dancing fears

CAREER Denise Richards called her last foray into reality TV It's Complicated, and she may want to call her next venture It's Scary, people.com reports.

"My biggest fear is just forgetting everything right before going on live, that's what I'm scared of," the actress tells People magazine about her new role as contestant on the eighth season of Dancing With the Stars. "All I hope is that I don't embarrass my girls."

Daughters Sam, 4, and Lola, 3, will be cheering on Richards, 37, throughout the competition.

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Kanye parties with three women

PEOPLE Kanye West sneaked out of a Los Angeles nightclub with three women, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The rapper, who has been single since splitting from fiancée Alexis Phifer last year, was surrounded by females at the launch of Belvedere IX Vodka at Los Angeles' My-House last week.

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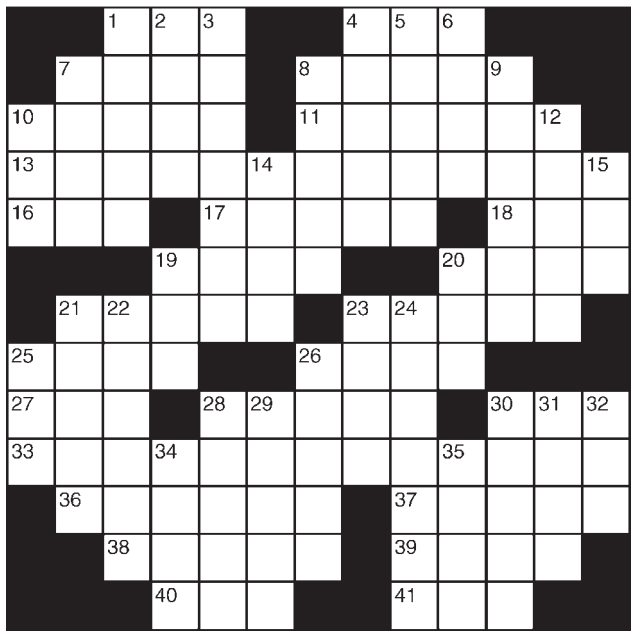

Crossword across

1 Vacationing
4 Bribe
7 Duel tool
8 Stimulant
10 Gave it a whack
11 Light brown fur
13 Department store employee
16 "A Chorus Line" song
17 Circular
18 Anger
19 Exceptional
20 Oklahoma city
21 Invigorating
23 Spree
25 Appear
26 Colour quality
27 Branch
28 Streetcars' kin
30 High-arc shot
33 Storm-predicting agency
36 In layers
37 Shabby
38 Indigent
39 Hollywood clashers
40 Susan of "L.A. Law"
41 Lair

Crossword down

1 Put one's two cents in
2 Nourish
3 Men's hats
4 Reject with disdain
5 Made up one's mind
6 Pron. type
7 "— go bragh!"
8 Excessive
9 On the way up
10 Even number
12 Eagle's home
14 Drudgery
15 Roulette bet
19 Edge
20 Compass dir.
21 Jaunty chapeau
22 Go nowhere
23 Zero-star movie
24 Protected, in a way
25 Witnessed
26 Late
28 "... — Men in a Tub"
29 High-pitched
30 Spill the beans
31 Dinner for Dobbin
32 Purchase
34 Prepared to drive (with "up")
35 Anger

Sudoku

HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

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3	5	7	1	9	4	2	8	6
4	6	8	3	5	9	1	7	2
7	2	3	6	4	1	8	5	9
5	9	1	2	7	8	6	3	4

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Under 13 min .....Genius
13-17 min.....Scholar
17-21 min .....Smart
21-25 min .....Not bad
25+ min.....Keep practising

Metro Recipe of the Day

Butternut Squash Gratin

INGREDIENTS:
1 butternut squash, about 1 kg (2 lbs), halved crosswise, then lengthwise, seeded and peeled
1 medium red onion, halved and thinly sliced
375 ml (1 1/2 cups) frozen corn kernels, thawed
11 ml (2 1/4 tsp) extra virgin olive oil
75 ml (1/3 cup) grated Parmesan cheese

METHOD:
1. Preheat oven to 200 C (400 F). Quarter butternut squash pieces lengthwise and then cut crosswise into 1-cm (1/2-inch) thick chunks. Combine squash, onion, corn and oil in large bowl, tossing to coat.
2. Arrange vegetables in a 30 x 20-cm (13 x 9-inch) baking dish. Bake until butternut squash is tender, 40 minutes, stirring halfway through cooking time.
3. Sprinkle Parmesan cheese over vegetables and bake until melted and golden, five minutes.

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Horoscopes

AVATAR VENUS

ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
All is well, whether you know it or not. Don't argue with anyone who is on an emotional roller-coaster. Contact an estranged friend to apologize.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
You'll sigh with relief when you find you don't need to know everything. Be patient with an inconsistent visitor. A hacker causes a serious problem.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Ask if you want to know the true purpose of a visit. Increase your happiness without spending money. You're unscathed by a stressful situation.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Vulgar language upsets you. Your hunger for an adventure will soon be satisfied. A no-nonsense person will be unsentimental about the past.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
Shabby treatment causes you to lose interest. The least said about a clash, the better. Outrageous news will come through outside sources.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
Be careful about what you say. Commitment demands will be offensive. A confession is funny when temptation can't be avoided.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
A spoiled brat makes you groan. Keep quiet about a secret deal. A casual observer will have much to say about solutions to problems.

SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
Your anxiety about the future must be dispelled. Broken promises lead to an important insight. An important man needs your help.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
An injustice won't please you and you'll say so. Sharing your sadness will soothe you. Someone makes sense when he kicks up a fuss.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
A man leaves sooner than he planned. Use your good judgment about choices. An insincere woman grates on your nerves.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
A slothful man tames a frightened friend. Surprising news will come from a sinister person. A guilty woman admits to witnessing an incident.

PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20
A service person clears up some confusion. A self-disciplined guy benefits from your friendship. Your worries will bloom if you overreact.

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